

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****[Docket No. USCG-2009-0714]****National Maritime Security Advisory Committee; Meeting****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC) will conduct a meeting by teleconference on August 24, 2009. This teleconference will be open to the public.

DATES: The Committee will meet on August 24, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. This meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 17, 2009. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 17, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The NMSAC teleconference calls will be hosted in room 6228, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St., SW., Washington, DC 20593. Public participation is limited to monitoring the teleconference only, except at the time allotted by the chairperson for public comment; special note, the number of teleconference lines is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For call-in information or to send written material and requests to make oral presentations contact Mr. Ryan Owens, Executive Secretary of NMSAC, at ryan.f.owens@uscg.mil, Commandant (CG-5441), ATTN NMSAC DFO/EA, U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd St., SW., STOP 7581, Washington, DC 20593-7581. This notice is available in our online docket, USCG-2009-0714, at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan F. Owens Executive Secretary of NMSAC at 202-372-1108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463).

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda for the August 24 Committee meeting is as follows:

- (1) Maritime Information Sharing Taskforce Briefing
- (2) Discussion of a Certain Dangerous Cargo (CDC) Tasking for the Committee

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Secretary no later than August 17. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than August 17. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Secretary no later than August 17.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Executive Secretary as soon as possible.

Dated: 28 July, 2009.

Ryan F. Owens,

Acting Designated Federal Official, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Port and Facility Activities.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R2-R-2009-N0073; 22570-1261-0000-V3]

Limiting Mountain Lion Predation on Desert Bighorn Sheep on Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, Yuma and La Paz Counties, AZ

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental assessment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce that our draft environmental assessment (EA) for limiting mountain lion (*Puma concolor*) predation on desert bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis mexicana*) on the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) is available. The Refuge is located in southwest Arizona. The draft EA describes alternatives, including a proposed action alternative, that address how we intend to manage mountain lion predation to help achieve bighorn sheep population objectives.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we must receive your written comments on

the draft EA 60 days from date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Please provide written comments to the Southwest Arizona National Wildlife Refuge Complex, by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9300 East 28th Street, Yuma, AZ 85365; via facsimile at 928-783-8611; or electronically to KofaLionComments@fws.gov. You may obtain a copy of the draft EA by writing to the address above, or by download from <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/arizona/kofa>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jose Viramontes, 505-248-6455 (phone); 505-248-6915 (fax); or Jose_Viramontes@fws.gov (e-mail). If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Refuge contains a major portion of the largest contiguous habitat for desert bighorn sheep in southwestern Arizona and historically has been home to a population averaging 760 bighorns. The Refuge has served as the primary source of bighorn sheep for translocations to reestablish and supplement extirpated or declining populations throughout southern Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Colorado. Population estimates from systematic aerial surveys indicate that a 50-percent decline in the Refuge sheep population occurred during the period 2000-2008.

In response to this decline, the Service and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) have conducted an analysis of the probable causes of the decline and are currently implementing a strategic management program intended to lead to the recovery of this important wildlife resource. Several studies and monitoring projects have been initiated or enhanced. Some of the more important aspects of this broad program include more frequent bighorn population surveys, monitoring and maintaining water availability, assessing body condition and disease in the bighorn population, monitoring disturbance attributable to human recreation, and monitoring the extent of predation and its impacts on the population. Many of the elements in this management program have been addressed through prior planning documents and require little additional review. Others, such as the proposed lethal control of mountain lions, have not been previously addressed and